

Appendix 2

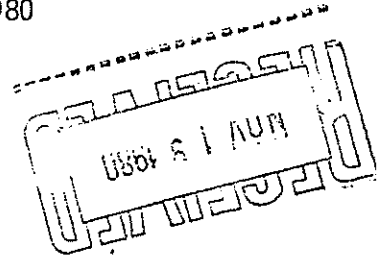
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Dear Ms. Main:

Thank you for your visit of October 30th and of your letter of November 6, 1980. You are requesting background information on the sale to the Government of Saskatchewan of the property known in Lebrét as the Metis Farm.

This piece of land was designated as Section 15, Tp 21, Range 13, 2nd M. It consisted of 640 acres and was held under Title 162 NB, according to our records. It was sold to the Government of Saskatchewan in October 1945.

You will find attached two photocopies of excerpts from the Book of Minutes of the Board Meetings of our Corporation, concerning the above sale, pages 12 and 13. It translates this way:

"Extraordinary Board Meeting held in our house of the Juniorate of the Holy Family" - 340 Provencher Ave., St. Boniface, Man. - "on October 11, 1945. Were present: Rev. Fathers M. Lavigne, O.M.I., Provincial  
Josaphat Magnan, 1st ordinary counselor  
Joseph Brachet, 2nd ordinary counselor  
Philippe Sheffer, 1st extraordinary counselor  
Charles Ruest, 2nd extraordinary counselor

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2 - Sale of the Metis Farm of Lebrét

The Government of Saskatchewan positively desires to buy our Metis Farm of Lebrét for the price of \$13,000.00, thirteen thousand dollars cash. Answer: granted, but we must signify to the Government that the Oblates desire that this farm continue to be exploited for the benefit of the metis families of the region."

As I promised the other day, I have searched many files, but unfortunately I have not found the copy of our letter expressing to the Government our agreement to the sale and the desire of the Oblates as to the future use of the farm. I will keep on looking for this and other documents that may shed light on the Metis Farm.

In the meantime, let me tell you that I appreciate the interest of the Metis community in initiatives taken long ago and pursued for its benefit in the past, as well as the desire of your community to become more and more responsible for its own development in the future. My best wishes for your projects.

Yours truly,

*A. Levasseur*  
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